

PRESENT: Cllr Anne-Louise Capel, Cllr Victor Schmidt, Steve Loane (General Manager), Rebecca Ryan (Director Corporate Services), Tony Meppem (Director Environmental and Community Services), Kevin Tighe (Director Technical Services), Irene Worrell, Nea Worrell, Roslyn Kildey, Susan Munns, Judy Hayman, Patrick Lever, Ted Hayman
Chair: Steve Loane (General Manager)

APOLOGIES: Mayor Peter Shinton, Cllr Chris Sullivan, Cllr Denis Todd, Cllr Ron Sullivan, Cllr Murray Coe, Cllr Fred Clancy, Cllr Gary Andrews, Liz Cutts, Gaye Farrell, Peter Munns

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RECOMMENDED that the minutes of the Town Committee Meeting Baradine, held on 29 October 2012 be accepted.

Capel/J Hayman

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

1. Boral Quarry – Lease has pending contractual items and is yet to be signed
2. Coonabarabran Administration Building update

DIRECTORATE PRESENTATIONS

Director Corporate Services (DCS)

3. Responsible for Administration and Customer Service, Finance, Property and Risk, Communications and IT and Economic Development and Tourism
4. Baradine Memorial Hall Committee

Director Technical Services (DTS)

5. Bridge at Bugaldie – Construction has commenced
6. Baradine Pool – \$85,000 to stop leakage
7. Water Treatment Plant
8. Toilet Block
9. Gardener Street – On works list
10. Floodplain Management Plan
 - Levy options – 14 Expressions of Interest received to submit for a tender to investigate levy options
 - Options include:
 - Water diversion into Bugaldie Creek
 - Higher levy

Question: Light for Lachlan Street?

Answer: Council have received a quote from Country Energy for a solar light

Director Environment and Community Services (DECS)

11. Cobbora Coal Project
 - 550 employees during operational phase
 - No onsite accommodation
 - Promoting local accommodation options and discouraging fly in/fly out
12. Local Environmental Plan – Governing zoning for town planning
 - Anticipated that the final LEP will be adopted at the next Council meeting. It is then sent to Department of Planning for Ministerial approval
13. Epuron Wind Farm located in between Cassilis and Coolah
 - Large project with 417 wind turbines with 30m blades and employing 1200 construction workers
14. Solid Waste Services and Waste Management Strategy
 - Survey to gather feedback on services and provision of waste options

15. Responsible for Youth, Family Support Services, Children's Services, Libraries and Warrumbungle Community Care

General Manager (GM)

16. Section 44 Fire
- Thank you Baradine Community for patience during fire/blackout
 - Blackout exposed communication gaps
 - Reporting
 - Feedback has been communicated to RFS
17. Asbestos Clean Up – Fire Affected Buildings
- Friable asbestos
 - Clean up costs \$76,000 per house
 - Environmental Planning Authority have certified the Coonabarabran landfill to receive asbestos
 - Overburden from Quarry will cover asbestos

AGENDA ITEMS

18. Lions Park Garden
- Plans for a new garden?
 - Baradine Community could supply plants
 - Needs to be established again and maintained
 - Discussions have taken place with Manager Urban Services
19. House in Narren Street, referred to DECS, orders issued. Will advise Manager Regulatory Services
20. Footpath in Wellington Street in front of Op Shop and around near Post Office
- Tar has gone
 - Money allocated to repair footpath
 - Referred to DTS
21. Baradine Emergency Plan
- Evacuation Plan required including an Evacuation Centre in Baradine
 - Current Disaster Plan – Needs review which Council will drive
 - Community meeting to be organised while disaster event still fresh in peoples minds
 - Involve local emergency management committees and agencies
22. Baradine Pool
- Vandalism, sensor light required – Referred to budget
 - Gates need repair – Referred to budget
 - Burnt baby change table

GENERAL BUSINESS

23. Community member nervous when fires surrounded Baradine
- Suggested road to sculptures be opened so back roads to Newell Highway could be used
24. Closure of Narren Street for ANZAC Day
25. CWA Heritage Funding – Nearly completed
26. Water charges – Council responsibility ends at meter. Education campaign with promotion advising residents to check water meters
27. Mayors Bushfire Appeal fund \$667,000 – Mostly allocated

Meeting Closed at 6.30 PM